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(Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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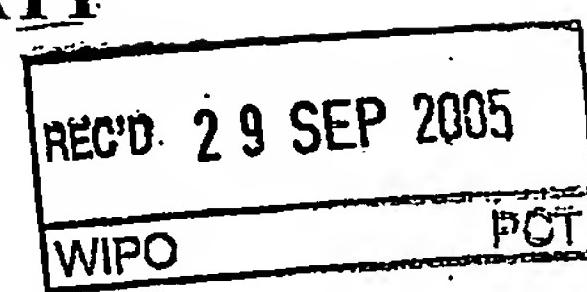
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- Box No. VI Certain documents cited
- Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application
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2. FURTHER ACTION

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If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1, 4-6, 8-11, 13</u>	YES
	Claims	<u>2, 3, 7, 12, 14-20</u>	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-20</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

D1:JP 2004-55669 A (FUJIFILM MICRODEVICES CO., LTD.) 2004.02.19

D2:JP 2003-332554 A (FUJIFILM MICRODEVICES CO., LTD.) 2003.11.21

D3:US 6518605 B1 (NEC CORPORATION) 2001.08.03

D4:JP 5-182992 A (MITSUBISHI DENKI KABUSHIKI KAISHA) 1993.07.23

D5:EP 492144 A2 (MATSUSHITA ELECTRONICS CORPORATION) 1992.07.01

[a] The subject matter of claims 1, 4-6, 8-11, 13 does not appear to be novel with respect to D1.

Claims 1, 4-6, 8-11, 13 relate to solid image pick-up element and method of producing the same. Such solid image pick-up element and method of producing the same appears to be known from D1.

[b] The subject matter of claims 2, 3 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1 and D2.

The following invention is described in D2. A charge transmitting electrode structure comprising a first electrode which comprises a first layer conductive film and a second electrode which comprises a second layer conductive film. So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claims 2, 3 of the present application by applying the technique of D2 to the invention of D1.

[c] The subject matter of claim 7 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1, D2 and D3.

A dummy pattern is described in D3. So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claims 7 of the present application by applying the technique of D3 to the invention of D1.

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Supplemental Box

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[d] The subject matter of claim 12 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1 and D4.

The following invention is described in D4. A step of flattening includes: a step of coating a resist and a step of flattening by a resist etch back method. So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claim 12 of the present application by applying the technique of D4 to the invention of D1.

[e] The subject matter of claims 14,17,20 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1, D2 and D5.

The following invention is described in D1. A step of forming a trench; a step of forming the field oxide film in the trench; and a step of flattening the surface of the semiconductor substrate.

A step of forming a pattern of a first layer conductive film constituting a first electrode and a first layer wiring for the peripheral circuit portion is described in D5.

So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claims 14,15,17,20 of the present application by applying the technique of D1,D5 to the invention of D2

[f] The subject matter of claims 15,19 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1,D2,D4 and D5.

The following invention is described in D4. A step of flattening includes a step of coating a resist and a step of flattening by a resist etch back method. So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claims 15,19 of the present application by applying the technique of D4 to the invention of D2.

[g] The subject matter of claims 16,18 does not appear to involve an inventive step in view of D1,D2,D3,D4 and D5.

A dummy pattern is described in D3. So it is perceived that a person skilled in the art could have easily made the invention in claims 16,18 of the present application by applying the technique of D3 to the invention of D2.